

Torch Award Submission: **TA11- 041**

- Full Title of Entry: Annual Congregation Tifereth Israel Purim Carnival
- Entry Category (You can select up to 2, although you will only win in one): Youth Programming
- Contact Person: Mike Sobul
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- Club number & Club name: 303 – Tifereth Israel Men's Club
- Number of club members: 110
- Synagogue name, city and state: Tifereth Israel, Columbus, OH
- Club President name (at time of entry): Bill Chronister
- Club President name (at time of convention): Karl B. Rubin
- Person preparing entry: Mike Sobul
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Part II. Summary Information (2 – 3 sentences):

Each year, the congregation holds a Purim Carnival for children. The Men's Club works with USY in planning the event. In addition, Men's Club does all the ordering of prizes for games and food, which is also served by Men's Club members.

Part III. By submitting this document, I certify, on behalf of the club, that this submission has not been submitted by our club for a Torch Award in a previous year.

Part IV. Entry Documentation

The organization of the Purim Carnival provides Men's Club with an excellent opportunity to partner with our youth and a way to bring younger men into active participation in Men's Club. The carnival draws 400-500 synagogue members, as well as many non-members, each year.

Generally, USY handles ordering and running the games, while Men's Club is responsible for food, prizes and decorating the social hall for the carnival. This year, we were able to involve two younger members of the club in ordering and stocking the prizes, transitioning from a long-time participant. About a dozen Men's Club members are involved in the program, especially in working on the food line, which practically all guests visit.

The Men's Club also gets significant exposure among the younger parents, making them aware of what the club does for the synagogue. The Purim carnival is a net money-maker for the Men's Club. To help with youth programming, the net proceeds are shared with USY.